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## OPELOUSAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF CRACK COCAINE DISTRIBUTION

## Man faces possibility of life in prison

Lafayette, Louisiana... A federal jury found ANTONIO DECARLO GREEN, a/k/a TONY GREEN, age 32, from Opelousas, Louisiana, guilty today of one count of distribution of crack cocaine and one count of unlawful use of communication facility, announced United States Attorney Donald W. Washington. The jury deliberated for 3 hours before returning a guilty verdict.

The trial, which began Tuesday before United States District Judge Rebecca Doherty, is the result of investigations which began in 2003 by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Opelousas Police Department. In March 2003, GREEN sold 151.8 grams or more of crack cocaine in exchange for \$1,600. GREEN used a cellular phone to facilitate the drug purchase, which is a violation of federal law.

Sentencing will be scheduled for a later date to be determined by the court. GREEN faces a minimum mandatory of 10 years up to life of federal imprisonment on the distribution charge and up to four years on the unlawful use of a communication facility.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley.

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